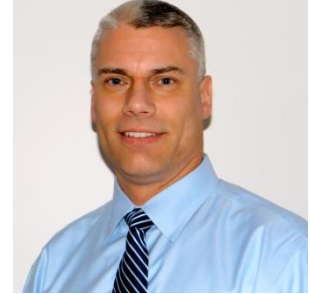


Captain Michael Fowler Biography



Michael Fowler, a Deputy Sheriff Captain, began his law enforcement career in 1994 with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol. He has served in numerous positions from Patrol Supervisor to Internal Affairs and Zone Commander. From 2006 through 2011, he was assigned as the SWAT Unit Commander and presently serves as the Commander of the Criminal Investigations Section.

Capt. Fowler is also a 24-year veteran of the US Army Military Police Corps; having led soldiers in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the site of the World Trade Center Attacks after 9/11, and 12 months in the Sunni Triangle during Operation Iraqi Freedom. A graduate of the Command and General Staff College, he currently serves the New York Army National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel, commanding a Military Police Battalion.

Capt. Fowler successfully completed the Basic SWAT Operators Course in 1999, the Tactical Commander's Course in 2005, the Basic Hostage Negotiations Course in 2006, and the Tactical Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction Course in 2007. The SWAT Unit is tasked with providing a resource of specialty trained and equipped tactical members for the containment and resolution of high-risk incidents that may be beyond the capability of traditional uniformed officers. As the Commander of the SWAT Unit, Capt. Fowler oversaw all aspects of the unit, ensuring their operational readiness and capability for a tactical response throughout the Monroe County region. He was also jointly responsible for developing and implementing the agencies' Response to Active Shooter Protocol, and has been instructing in this field since 2006.

Capt. Fowler is a certified Police Instructor who teaches police recruits, veteran officers, and supervisors on the Incident Command System and Critical Incident Management. He has also served with the New York State Division of Criminal-Justice Services developing training and operating standards for SWAT Teams across the state, as well as lesson plans for law enforcement response to critical incidents.